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Concerning the Convention

Railroad rates.—A letter has been sent to each member of Association with respect to the special railroad rates for the convention, and the return limits on round-trip tickets. A certificate for use in purchasing reduced fare tickets has also been sent to each member. If more certificates are desired, members should communicate with the Association at once.

Convention directory.—To facilitate the preparation of the hotel directory that will be printed by the Stevens Hotel, and to insure that the Directory lists the members in the way they desire, it is requested that immediate attention be given to the letter on this subject recently sent by the Association to all of its members.

Program.—The program of the convention will be mailed out to all members of the Association before the New Year. It is suggested that each member make a careful study of the program in order that he may arrange his engagements during convention week so that he will be able to take advantage of the greatest number of addresses and meetings that will be of interest and profit to him.

Room reservations.—Reservations for all rooms at the Stevens Hotel for convention week will start on Sunday, January 19, unless otherwise arranged. Members who expect to arrive before that date should advise the hotel in advance in order to assure that they will have accommodations. No reservations for convention week can start later than Monday. Persons desiring reservations and arriving later than Monday will be charged for the room on that date, whether occupied or not.

Prepare for Stock Survey

The annual survey of stocks of canned corn, peas and tomatoes in warehouses of canners and distributors will be made in January. Schedules will be mailed out by the Census Bureau the first week in January. Canners will be asked to report on stocks held in their canneries or warehouses (including stocks held for future delivery) and stocks that have been shipped to dealers on a consignment basis. They will be asked to report stocks in the different sizes of containers, including Nos. 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, and 10, and special sizes including glass jars.

Prompt return of the schedules will lessen the Census Bureau's task of compiling the figures and will expedite their publication. Canners are urged to give their fullest cooperation.

Record-Breaking Imports of Tomato Products Continue

November was the third record-breaking month in the imports of canned tomatoes, with receipts totaling 30,176,965 pounds. For eleven months of the year imports have amounted to 162,744,473 pounds, as compared with 76,574,301 pounds in the corresponding period of last year. The figures, by months, follow:

	Canned Tomatoes		Tomato Paste	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
1928				
January	12,050,694	\$666,405	2,310,366	\$319,000
February	7,909,498	446,298	592,966	86,369
March	4,340,166	243,038	384,373	45,182
April	4,178,502	265,842	455,923	48,681
May	4,490,352	256,987	539,099	59,491
June	3,273,610	194,179	480,467	46,346
July	3,708,708	169,992	273,581	35,023
August	710,144	50,790	525,235	58,973
September	3,820,110	202,421	630,334	68,773
October	19,321,580	1,046,373	766,023	76,975
November	13,762,130	750,673	1,196,890	137,474
Total	76,574,301	4,292,899	8,103,248	836,087
1929				
January	11,384,855	691,913	859,689	117,692
February	10,070,274	605,850	881,929	116,983
March	8,922,126	525,138	775,956	112,561
April	7,314,409	448,300	866,077	126,149
May	10,002,002	579,653	481,058	57,793
June	9,567,180	567,610	648,921	95,839
July	5,107,359	308,490	518,580	72,780
August	1,401,198	73,088	448,586	49,624
September	34,614,689	1,209,855	1,248,553	141,136
October	48,982,515	2,080,032	2,310,602	230,061
November	30,176,965	1,866,583	2,895,601	264,119
Total	162,744,473	8,441,224	11,842,812	1,468,759

Cuban Duty on Canned Corn

The Cuban Department of Finance has changed the customs classification of canned corn from Item 273-E, under which it was dutiable at \$0.192 per kilo plus a surtax of 3 per cent of the duty, to Item 271-F, under which it had previously been classi-

fied, and dutiable at 22¼ per cent ad valorem under treaty preferential plus a surtax of 3 per cent of the duty.

November Canned Food Exports

Increase in exports of canned meats and sardines occurred in November, while there were decreases in other classes of canned foods. Statistics for the various products as compiled by the Department of Commerce follow:

Articles	November, 1925		November, 1929	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Canned meats, total	1,147,316	\$404,065	1,130,534	\$416,223
Beef	131,650	41,865	203,999	70,390
Pork	594,617	221,814	738,431	281,190
Sausage	235,080	89,090	164,367	33,948
Other	185,969	31,289	115,748	30,799
Canned vegetables, total	9,174,363	844,621	7,639,779	746,874
Asparagus	1,886,701	206,226	1,569,468	232,143
Baked beans, and pork and beans	1,418,874	118,544	523,799	31,680
Corn	1,386,088	107,206	627,781	32,635
Peas	875,290	75,660	499,567	44,919
Soups	2,469,537	236,827	2,493,124	247,641
Tomatoes	375,321	38,341	436,535	30,824
Other	1,170,420	73,509	1,350,456	89,682
Condensed milk	3,335,381	319,869	2,771,232	446,171
Evaporated milk	6,275,921	652,817	4,766,999	474,353
Canned fruits, total	33,007,183	2,842,214	25,603,264	2,764,854
Apples and applesauce	5,662,579	298,205	4,470,569	226,584
Apricots	2,198,523	205,930	2,248,136	233,003
Berries	1,485,269	164,741	497,867	61,550
Cherries	241,084	38,037	194,709	34,016
Fruits for salad			2,547,105	489,115
Peaches	8,940,232	739,672	6,490,618	875,864
Pears	10,587,032	1,003,726	5,227,504	618,695
Pineapple	2,508,781	242,301	2,737,512	293,796
Prunes	233,990	21,836	264,856	36,750
Other	1,128,698	135,838	926,796	93,875
Salmon	4,638,319	770,161	2,776,824	321,023
Sardines	6,232,034	304,593	11,391,829	639,496

Dominican Republic Labeling Requirements

The Department of Sanitation and Health of the Dominican Republic has revoked in its entirety the ministerial order reviving article 19 of sanitary regulations No. 32, according to a report from the American consul at Santo Domingo. This regulation required that all perishable foodstuffs must show on the label the date they were packed and the maximum time within which they may be consumed. It is possible that a further order may be issued at a later time, requiring the date of packing on the labels of perishable foodstuffs.

Decision in Canned Milk Rate Case

Rates on canned condensed and evaporated milk in carloads from Nampa, Idaho, to destinations in Montana, have been found not unreasonable or otherwise unlawful, and the Commission has accordingly dismissed the complaint against these rates.

Summary of Canning Crops Production

The following table summarizes the statistics on specified crops grown for canning, as issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Along with the statistics for 1929 are given comparative figures for 1928:

	Acreage		Production		Price ^a	
	1928 Acres	1929 Acres	1928 Tons	1929 Tons	1928 Per ton	1929 Per ton
ASPARAGUS						
California	49,300	49,400	64,100	74,100	\$79.38	\$79.40
New York	200	200	100	140	230.00	210.00
Total	49,500	49,600	64,200	74,240	79.38	79.63
BEANS, SNAP						
Maine	970	1,000	2,300	3,400	39.70	60.00
New York	6,840	8,140	10,900	13,900	73.00	77.40
Pennsylvania	1,190	1,430	2,500	1,900	38.30	37.40
Indiana	1,800	2,320	3,200	3,700	55.00	55.00
Michigan	2,950	3,840	4,400	3,500	58.40	59.20
Wisconsin	4,600	5,750	7,400	6,900	67.80	71.30
Delaware	670	670	900	900	43.30	50.00
Maryland	4,380	5,450	6,500	7,600	57.50	58.00
South Carolina	700	820	1,500	1,600	45.00	50.00
Tennessee	1,220	1,220	1,600	1,500	50.00	50.00
Mississippi	1,600	1,800	2,900	1,900	50.00	50.00
Arkansas	1,790	2,240	2,900	2,700	51.00	51.00
Louisiana	3,040	3,060	2,100	2,200	50.00	50.00
Colorado	1,600	2,300	3,400	4,800	40.00	38.00
Utah	1,020	1,280	2,400	2,600	38.30	42.00
Washington	700	1,050	1,500	2,100	60.00	60.00
Oregon	630	750	2,000	1,700	65.00	57.50
California	470	750	1,700	3,000	80.00	75.00
Other States	3,010	3,310	4,200	4,300	52.50	53.00
Total	39,270	47,800	63,600	75,200	61.18	62.08
CABBAGE, KRAUT						
New York	4,120	4,120	80,900	39,100	12.58	10.62
Ohio	2,250	2,700	19,600	23,200	7.98	7.13
Indiana	730	1,080	7,300	8,500	7.93	7.88
Illinois	670	670	6,200	5,000	12.40	12.10
Michigan	1,620	1,700	13,000	10,700	7.22	7.88
Wisconsin	2,650	3,020	27,300	24,200	8.68	9.38
Minnesota	430	500	4,600	4,000	7.00	7.33
Colorado	500	500	7,000	5,000	8.00	13.20
Washington	260	320	3,300	2,900	10.00	11.00
Other States	2,110	2,390	18,100	17,900	11.33	12.00
Total	15,340	16,910	136,200	140,300	9.60	9.97
CORN, SWEET						
Maine	10,770	14,850	30,200	46,000	24.70	24.70
New Hampshire	1,110	1,320	2,600	3,300	28.70	28.80
Vermont	1,940	2,670	4,700	6,200	18.50	18.20
New York	27,000	34,600	32,400	38,900	16.50	17.00
Pennsylvania	4,140	4,470	4,100	4,500	18.80	15.90
Ohio	27,910	27,700	39,100	52,600	10.80	11.20
Indiana	27,390	28,200	38,300	33,900	13.00	13.00
Illinois	38,300	62,220	128,300	124,400	12.70	12.90
Michigan	8,330	8,330	16,100	8,200	12.40	12.50
Wisconsin	14,780	14,780	29,600	32,500	11.50	11.90
Minnesota	33,000	43,900	85,800	101,000	10.80	11.00
Iowa	89,880	49,450	99,600	108,600	9.30	9.90
Nebraska	5,470	5,740	9,600	10,900	9.40	10.00
Delaware	4,060	8,900	7,300	5,800	13.00	13.00
Maryland	35,300	38,700	53,300	50,300	14.00	13.00
Tennessee	3,100	3,400	5,300	6,800	13.00	13.00
Other States	2,700	3,250	6,500	7,500	11.50	12.00
Total	305,960	331,070	592,900	639,300	12.64	13.19

^a Average seasonal price paid to growers.

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	Acreage		Production		Price a	
	1928	1929	1928 1,000	1929 1,000	1928	1929
CUCUMBERS, PICKLE						
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>bushels</i>	<i>bushels</i>	<i>Per bu.</i>	<i>Per bu.</i>
New York	800	820	44	28	.93	.93
Ohio	1,700	1,720	110	78	1.00	1.08
Indiana	9,870	9,480	572	232	.87	.90
Illinois	1,580	1,250	90	44	1.10	1.10
Michigan	22,840	21,000	1,256	630	.85	.90
Wisconsin	10,190	11,910	550	475	.98	1.00
Minnesota	3,500	3,500	105	84	.93	.95
Iowa	940	1,300	62	62	1.03	1.05
Missouri	1,280	1,280	76	28	.75	.75
Colorado	2,380	2,460	232	370	.60	.60
Washington	480	510	44	77	.75	.75
California	2,760	2,710	480	623	.62	.63
Other States	7,240	7,980	348	478	.90	.90
Total	65,420	65,220	3,975	5,215	.85	.84
PEAS						
			<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents Per lb.</i>	<i>Cents Per lb.</i>
Maine	1,100	1,120	1,980	2,941	3.5	3.5
New York	32,200	33,810	48,815	40,372	3.0	3.0
New Jersey	330	400	770	900	4.0	3.8
Pennsylvania	1,680	1,730	3,063	4,323	3.0	3.0
Ohio	4,020	4,380	6,030	6,570	2.7	2.2
Indiana	5,290	5,770	9,797	9,909	2.0	2.6
Illinois	8,740	11,010	13,356	18,056	2.0	2.5
Michigan	8,500	9,010	13,294	11,713	2.0	2.4
Wisconsin	101,000	111,600	203,616	203,350	3.0	3.0
Minnesota	7,020	12,070	10,347	21,184	2.0	2.7
Delaware	2,080	2,330	3,309	3,445	5.0	5.0
Maryland	10,500	10,800	20,475	24,840	3.0	3.0
Tennessee	1,400	1,400	2,320	2,320	3.0	3.0
Montana	3,500	4,200	7,560	7,812	2.5	2.5
Colorado	3,000	3,600	5,700	6,394	2.5	2.2
Utah	10,150	11,070	26,035	26,318	3.0	2.8
California	1,100	880	2,420	799	2.8	3.0
Other States	3,450	3,500	6,072	6,650	3.0	3.0
Total	205,900	229,400	303,379	401,106	2.8	2.9
SPINACH						
			<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Per ton</i>	<i>Per ton</i>
California	12,340	15,700	85,400	90,900	\$16.02	\$15.25
Maryland	1,680	1,700	2,700	4,100	37.50	33.50
Total	14,020	17,400	88,100	95,000	17.18	16.24
TOMATOES						
New York	12,300	13,600	73,800	85,700	15.20	15.70
New Jersey	33,000	33,000	110,800	214,500	16.50	19.00
Pennsylvania	3,600	3,420	18,000	13,700	14.50	15.00
Ohio	10,400	10,050	60,300	32,600	11.80	12.00
Indiana	49,870	59,840	149,000	251,300	12.90	13.20
Illinois	5,130	5,440	17,400	20,700	13.00	13.00
Michigan	1,680	1,990	9,600	9,000	11.00	12.00
Iowa	4,810	4,570	16,800	25,100	13.00	13.00
Missouri	18,700	20,940	33,700	60,700	12.60	13.00
Delaware	13,500	13,500	32,400	68,800	17.00	17.00
Maryland	27,910	27,520	66,900	140,200	15.70	16.10
Virginia	6,000	6,840	14,400	26,000	13.20	14.80
Kentucky	3,500	6,820	11,600	26,600	12.60	12.60
Tennessee	10,320	9,200	18,400	23,900	12.00	12.10
Arkansas	19,600	22,600	43,100	61,000	12.60	14.00
Colorado	1,600	1,920	11,600	16,700	11.00	11.00
Utah	5,830	6,180	65,500	56,900	11.00	11.00
California	24,700	32,450	182,600	261,200	14.00	13.20
Other States	4,070	4,420	14,500	15,500	13.20	13.40
U. S. Total	234,420	285,240	934,100	1,869,900	14.17	14.92

a Average seasonal price paid to growers.

Pack of Canned Fish in Vigo District

The canning industry in the Vigo (Spain) district was benefitted this year by the fact that large catches of fish were not taken until late in the summer, for the quality of this late-caught fish is much better for canning purposes than the fish taken earlier in the season. According to the American consul, cannery state that the quality of their pack is better this year than in several seasons past. The smaller size of the sardines taken and canned is also somewhat of an advantage in many of the export markets which prefer small fish.

The pack this year will total, according to estimates made in the trade, about 500,000 cases. There was comparatively little carry-over of stocks from the past season.

Federal Prisons Asked Canned Food Bids

The Superintendent of Prisons, Department of Justice, is asking for bids on 58,440 pounds of canned foods for delivery at the penitentiaries at Leavenworth, Kans., and Atlanta, Ga. The bids will be opened at 11.00 a. m. on January 14, 1930. The canned foods desired are tomatoes, corn, peas, string beans, spinach, catsup, jelly substitute, hominy, beets, pie peaches, rhubarb, apples, pumpkin, and blackberries. Schedules on which to submit bids may be obtained from the Superintendent of Prisons, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Culture for Inoculating Legumes Tested

Wide differences found in commercial legume inoculants sold to New York farmers as revealed by tests made at the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva, have led the Station authorities to express the opinion that the State should exercise the same sort of supervision over the sale of these materials as it does over seeds and fertilizers in order to protect New York farmers from worthless cultures and to insure a full return on money into legume inoculants. A summary of the Station tests has been published by the Station and may be had free of charge upon request.

"Summing up the brief examination of commercial cultures recently made, it can be definitely stated that nine of the agar preparations were evidently worthless, the other thirteen apparently satisfactory," the bulletin states. "Uniformly satisfactory cultures were not obtained from any one manufacturer. Less definite information has been obtained from the soil preparations examined, but three or four were apparently satisfac-

tory, while the remaining five or six contained so many foreign bacteria that their real value could not be judged by a laboratory test alone."

Pamphlet Mailed to Members

With this issue of the Information Letter is mailed a pamphlet reprinting the article by Miss Anne Pierce "Should Children Eat Canned Foods," which appeared in the Parents' Magazine for November.

When the article appeared, inquiries were received both by the Association and by the Parents' Magazine as to whether reprints would be available, and the magazine decided to issue it in pamphlet form. The cost of the pamphlet to canners who may wish to use it for publicity purposes will depend upon the number of copies ordered. Orders may be placed direct with the magazine at its New York address, or the Association will be glad to receive orders from canners and consolidate these in a single order to the magazine.

Car Loadings

	Total	Miscellaneous	Merchandise L. C. L.	Other
Week ended December 14	\$23,340	\$19,721	\$43,602	\$59,317
Preceding week	\$30,823	\$18,194	\$47,599	\$98,242
Corresponding week, 1928	\$63,684	\$46,094	\$51,925	\$64,819
Corresponding week, 1927	\$68,730	\$98,976	\$46,812	\$23,462

Increased Funds for Research Approved by House

The Agriculture appropriation bill as passed by the House made an increase of approximately \$1,500,000 in the appropriations for research work in the Department. The following list enumerates the projects for which these appropriations were made and the amount of increase granted:

Investigation of false blossom of cranberry	\$10,000
Extending studies of so-called dwarf diseases and virus diseases of strawberries and of strawberry root-rot widely and seriously prevalent in Coastal Plains region from Maryland to Louisiana	\$5,000
Investigation of diseases of peas and beans, including study of root diseases of peas and establishment of field stations in the West and South for this purpose, and study of bean diseases along Atlantic seaboard and Gulf coast	\$10,000
Tests of new hybrid strawberries in different parts of the country	\$5,000
Enlarging vegetable variety type studies	\$5,000
Investigating toxicity of foods contaminated by various metals and toxicity of spray residues and residues from fumigation chemicals on foods	\$12,000
Extension of studies on spoilage and deterioration in raw and manufactured foods	\$10,000

Investigations in the use of ethylene gas in the treatment of fruits and vegetables	\$2,430
Investigations, in cooperation with Bureau of Plant Industry, of new fungicides, with special reference to control of perennial canker of fruits in Pacific Northwest	\$5,235
Collection, rearing, and shipment to United States from Australia and Europe of parasites of Japanese and Asiatic beetles for control experimentation	\$20,000
For furthering investigations in the development of control measures for strawberry root aphid, associated with an obscure disease which seriously affects production of strawberries in the Southeastern states	\$3,940
Enlarging investigations on wireworms in the Pacific Northwest	\$25,000
Development of methods of controlling lima-bean pod borer, which has within recent years become a pest of major importance in the bean-producing areas of the West Coast	\$7,500
Foreign competition and demand (to further develop foreign service of Department of Agriculture by placing additional specialists at points abroad)	\$40,000
Expanding service on fruits and vegetables by the operation of temporary stations in producing districts during short periods when important crops are moving to market	\$24,000
Inaugurating news service on beans in a limited number of important markets for this crop	\$11,000
Studies on the vitamin content of human food, as basis for determining and applying dietary standards	\$15,000
Study of methods of utilizing various food products, in cooperation with other Bureaus of the department	\$10,000
Study of food purchasing habits of housewives and their influence on food costs	\$10,000

European Corn Borer Regulations Revised

Under a revision of the European corn borer quarantine regulations just announced by the Secretary of Agriculture, effective December 16, 1929, the area under regulation has been enlarged by adding 38 townships in Connecticut, 30 townships in Massachusetts, 111 townships in Maine, 39 townships in New Hampshire, 102 townships in Vermont, 7 townships in Pennsylvania, 195 townships in Ohio, 23 townships in West Virginia and 110 townships in Indiana, a total of 655 townships, of which 209 are in the two-generation area and 446 in the one-generation area. In addition, 7 townships in New Hampshire which were formerly in the one-generation area, have been transferred to the two-generation area. No change is made in the areas under regulation in the State of New Jersey; and the whole of Michigan, New York, and Rhode Island still remain within the regulated areas.

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